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Mr. Jim Nicholas Chief Division of Transportation Planning Department of Transportation Business, Transportation and Housing Agency State of California Box 942874 Sacramento, California 94274

re: San Diego Association of Governments (Sandag) FY 01-03 TIP Transit Amendment 12

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

Thank you for your letter, dated March 26, 2002, approving the Sandag FY 01-03 TIP Transit Amendment 12. It lists 18 projects for funding by the Federal Transit Administration. The projects are bus and rail equipment, facilities and equipment; planning; and, vanpool service.

The amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. Transit Element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination. Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment of the Transit Element in the California Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions about our review, please call Mr. Hymie Luden, City and Regional Planner, at (415) 744-3115.

Sincerely

Leslie Rogers

Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Mark Brucker, EPA, San Francisco

Mr. Gary Gallegos, Sandag, San Diego

Mr. Dennis Scovill, FHWA, Sacramentonix

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